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SUBJ: JOBLESS DEMONSTRATE IN MONTEGO BAO

1. MONTEGO BAY WAS THE SCENE OF TWO VIOLANT INCIDENTS ON JULY 13 BY DEMONSTRATORS SEEKING WORK; IN ONE INCIDENT A DEMONSTRATOR WAS FATALLY WOUNDED. THIS FIRST INCIDENT OCCURRED AT MEETING OF THE ROADS AND WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL WHERE DEMONSTRATORS ENTERED THE MEETING PLACE SHOUTING SLOGANS AND WAVING BANNERS. THE SECOND OCCURRED AT AN OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WHERE SCORES OF UNEMPLOYED INVADED THE PREMISES; ONE DEMONSTRATOR ALLEGEDLY BRANDISHED A KNIFE AND WAS FATALLY SHOT FOR HIS PAINS BY A SECURITY GUARD. DEMONSTRATORS WERE OUT IN THE STREETS OF MONTEGO BAY AGAIN JULY 15 TO PROTEST THE SHOOTING TWO DAYS EARLIER. ON THIS OCCASION, THE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE APPARENTLY ORDERLY AND WITHOUT INCIDENT.

2. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE IN MONTEGO BAY, THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE EARLIER GIVEN A MEASURE OF EMPLOYMENT BY THE
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JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT'S WPA-TYPE "CRASH PROGRAM". WITH FUNDS NOW SCARCE, THE "CRASH PROGRAM" HAS BEEN HALTED IN MONTEGO BAY, AND THE FORMER "CRASHEES" ARE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. AS THE SOURCE POINTED OUT, IF THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO CHOSE BETWEEN HALTING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE "CRASH PROGRAM" IN MONTEGO BAY OR REDUCING IT IN KINGSTON, THE CHOICE IS EASY. MONTEGO

BAY IS SMALL, AND FAR AWAY; THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE
"CRASH PROGRAM" IN KINGSTON LIVE VERY CLOSE TO THOSE
IN POWER BUT IN AREAS WHICH ARE SOCIAL TINDERBOXES.
MONTEGO BAY, AND OTHER TOWN, WILL HAVE TO SUFFER IN
ORDER TO KEEP A LID ON KINGSTON.
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